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- The following single-track railroad lines are scheduled to be provided with a second track:  
 Beclean - Dej - Apahida - Razboieni (1)  
 Craiova - Filiasi (2)  
 Teius - Copsa Mica (3)
- The following single-track lines are being constructed:  
 Pitesti - Ramnic Valcea (4)  
 Brad - Deva (5)  
 Pascani - Targu Neamt - Toplita (6)  
 Targu Neamt - Piatra Neamt (7)
- The trackage of the following railroad stations, and switching stations is being increased: Apahida, Brasov, Pascani, Dej, Bucharest-North, Galatz, Ploesti, Faurei, Bucharest-Grivita, Marasesti, Craiova, Simeria and Timisoara. (8)
- All the construction projects mentioned are being accelerated and other projects are scheduled. The pertinent surveying and other preparations are already under way. (9)

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**Comments.**

- The Razboieni - Apahida railroad line, 50 km long, is already double-track. The construction of a second track on the Apahida - Dej line section, 50 km long, would considerably increase the carrying capacity of this important north-south route. Near Dej this route joins an east-west route coming from Transylvania. This east-west route, which is already double-tracked in the Dej - Jibou section, is reportedly to be made a double-track line as far as Beclean, 25 km away.
- The construction of a second track on this line, 40 km long, eliminates a bottleneck on the east-west route running through Wallachia.

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- (3) The plan for this project has been known. This line, 45 km long, is of importance as a connection between two north-south lines.
- (4) This project, by eliminating the old detour via Ploesti-Brasov, would considerably shorten the rail connection between Bucharest and Budapest which runs via Sibiu-Arad. A railroad line already exists between Pitesti and Curtea de Arges. A previous plan provided for a rail connection between Curtea de Arges and Ramnic Valcea, a distance of 20 km. See [redacted] A railroad line Pitesti-Curtea de Arges - Ramnic Valcea is believed more probable than a direct line Pitesti - Ramnic Valcea.
- (5) The establishment of a rail connection between Brad and Mintia, a distance of 20 km, was reported in a previous plan.
- (6) The construction of this line, 120 km long, which crosses the eastern range of the Carpathian Mountains, would establish an east-west connection between Bessarabia and Transylvania. However, this project will meet with considerable terrain difficulties and require the construction of numerous bridges and tunnels.
- (7) A distance of 40 km. The reason for this project, which serve no obvious purpose, is not known.
- (8) The railroad stations concerned are important junctions on trunk lines which are not adequate in their present status for the increased traffic demands.
- (9) In view of the general conditions in Rumania the program is very extensive. It can only be executed if the Soviets supply material and financial help. Since almost all the construction projects aim at an improvement of the east-west and north-south connections it may be assumed that the Soviets are greatly interested and are possibly supporting this construction program. The information has not been confirmed by other sources.

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